

**SONORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SONORA
July 20, 2020**

A Closed Session Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was opened this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 4:00 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor Jim Garaventa, Mayor ProTem Matt Hawkins, Councilmember Ann Segerstrom, Mark Plummer, Colette Such; City Attorney Douglas White; City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

1. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Gov. Code Section 54957) Consultation with: Douglas L. White, City Attorney

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

1. Councilmembers gave direction to staff, nothing else to report.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora was opened this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 94 North Washington Street, at 5:00 p.m. with the following Members present: Mayor Matt Hawkins, Mayor ProTem Mark Plummer, Councilmember Ann Sergerstrom, Councilmember Jim Garaventa, Councilmember Colette Such; City Attorney Douglas White City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga advised the Council that at 3:30 p.m. on the 16th day of July 2020, the Agenda for the City of Sonora Council Meeting was posted outside City Hall for public view.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. There were no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of disbursements in the amount of \$146,103.44 for payroll, inclusive of employee salaries, employer and employee taxes and retirement contributions and miscellaneous voluntary employee deductions.
2. Approve Resolution 07-20-2020-A to revise the job description for the Police Administrative Services Officer Extra Help Position.
3. Approve an update to the City of Sonora's Personnel Rules and Regulations- Article 6: Recruitment and Hiring Process effective July 20, 2020
4. Waive second reading, read by title only, and adopt an ordinance, amending Chapter 1.16, General Municipal election, of Title 1, General Provisions, to designate the City Administrator as the City Elections Official in the event of a vacancy in the office of the City clerk.

No public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 that item 1-4 of the Consent Calendar be approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Video Time 9:20)

1. Informational item to discuss Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 requiring all citizens to stay at home unless needed to maintain operation of essential critical infrastructures.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga July 13th Governor Newsom mandated the closures of indoor dining and Bars. Also expanded closures to 30 Counties that are on the States Public Health Monitoring list. Tuolumne is not on that list yet closures that apply to Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora will be the indoor dining and Bars. We have been in contact with our Businesses downtown and in Sonora to keep educate with the new orders.

- A member of the public wanted clarification if the information line to Public Health will be taken away. **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga responded.**

NEW BUSINESS

(Video Time 17:26)

1. Consideration to agendize as an action item at a future date to enter into agreement with "Give Someone A Chance", to donate funds to provide portable toilets at a homeless camp that currently exists on property off Stockton Road

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga A request was made by a Councilmember to bring forth an item to fund portable toilets for the homeless camp on Stockton Road. The Council brought this up last July and entered into an agreement with Give Someone A Chance, we are coming up on a year with this agreement and asking to get consensus from the Councilmembers to agendize whether or not the Councilmembers want an agreement to go forward for next year with Give Someone A Chance for another year of funding for portable toilets. Councilmembers discussed.

- A member of the public is not happy with the homeless camp and disagrees this is a friendly community. Concerned with the campfires they have.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to agendize as an action item.

2. Consideration to agendize for discussion and possible action a ballot measure for a Transient Occupancy Tax to provide additional general fund revenues.

(Video Time 43:33)

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga asking Councilmembers to give direction if Council chooses to bring forth a Transient Occupancy Tax similar to the County as has been done historically to make the City and County align going from the 10% to 12%. Councilmembers discussed.

- A member of the public if for better communication from the City to the public

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to Agendize the Transient Occupancy Tax to match the County's new rate.

(Video Time 1:01)

3. Consideration to agendize for discussion and possible action at a future date amending the General Municipal Code allowing for the establishment, operation and permitting of recreational cannabis sales.

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga asking the councilmembers to consider operation and permitting of the recreational cannabis sales within the City of Sonora. Looking for direction from the Councilmembers to bring forth an Ordinance for recreational cannabis sales in the City of Sonora. Councilmembers discussed.

- Jeff Muzio owner of Hazy Bulldog answered the Councilmembers questions
- A member of the public looking forward to seeing this move forward

Motion by Councilmember Garaventa, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 to agendaize for discussion and amending the general Municipal Code allowing for establishment, operation of recreational cannabis businesses which includes manufacturing. We would allow up to three dispensaries if the second one is not in operation by the time their development offer expires it would go back down to two and they would lose their right.

(Video Time 1:39)

4. Consideration to provide direction to staff for committee member selection criteria and general purpose of the newly formed "Social Equity Committee"

Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer stated he has heard that Councilmember Such would like me to not head this committee with her and he would like to step down and give his seat to Councilmember Garaventa per the discussion with the Councilmembers. **City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga** two resolutions were brought forth by Councilmembers to create a committee. Staff is asking for more direction from the Councilmembers on the member selection criteria, overall general purpose of the committee and dates and times when this committee would be held. Councilmembers discussed.

- A member of the public is for the Social Equity Committee and is excited to see it come to life
- A member of the public is for the Social Equity Committee
- A member of the public is for the Social Equity Committee and feels it is super important for the community

Councilmembers discussed.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Plummer, second by Councilmember Such, unanimously carried on a vote of 5-0 for Councilmember Jim

Garaventa to take Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Plummer's seat on the Social Equity committee.

Councilmembers would like the Social Equity Committee to come back to the Council after they meet with better parameters.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS

(Video Time 2:24)

1. Certification for Receipt of CARES Act Funds Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2020

City Administrator Mary Rose Rutikanga we are required to certify that we are following the CARES Act requirements and we are following the enforcement mechanisms of those requirements by July 10th, 2020. We certified on July 6th, 2020. The amount of funding the City of Sonora is eligible to receive is \$58,241. Councilmembers discussed.

COUNCILMEMBER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Aimee New, received conformations of our new engine build. Continuing Business inspections and finishing up our second round of defensible space inspections. There are a few grants available for Community Defensible Space Program that I will be looking into. Finance Director Chris Gorsky still working on our new accounting system and it is taking longer than he anticipated. In August we will have our new budget update hoped that revenue would be on the increase and COVID-19 would be on the decrease, but it unfortunately is not. Community Development Director gave an update that the Community Development Department for the County is cutting back their hours and wanted to clarify that our hours are still the same. Councilmember Garaventa just a reminder there was no TCTC meeting this month and I did attend the LAFCO on the 13th, and we passed the LAFCO budget. Mayor Matt Hawkins, it is an honor to serve as your Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Sonora City Clerk



Date

